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The George Richardson Farm and Outbuildings
Clarksville
Private

circa 1860

The George Richardson Farm faces west on the south side of Route 108, west of its intersection with Route 32. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north - south) frame building with central intersecting "A" framed dormer window holding a gothic cut double-hung, two-light window. Its central rectangular entrance door is surmounted by a four light transom and flanked by three vertical side lights. A one story high, flat roofed, open porch runs along the three central bays of the west facade, while a two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east - west) one bay wide, one room deep east kitchen wing on the north side of the east wall creates an "L" plan.

The outbuildings surrounding the house include an old smoke house, spring house, carriage house, two barns and a tall silo, all of which are well maintained and most of which were constructed at the same time the house was built.

Designated on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 as the residence of George Richardson, it is located on the old tract of land known as "White Wine and Claret", and was once a William Ridgely property.

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Dist 5

MAEI # 1404675535

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The George Richardson Farmhouse and Outbuildings

AND/OR COMMON

The Smith Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

12809 Clarksville Pike (MD 108)

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Smith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

12809 Clarksville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Clarksville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21029

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 34, P.90
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 181

Folio #: 261

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

— FEDERAL ☒ STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Richardson Farm and Outbuildings are located on the south side of Route 108, three tenths of a mile west of its intersection with Route 32. The George Richardson Farm House faces west. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north - south) frame covered with aluminum siding structure set on a stone foundation with central "A" framed intersecting dormer window (holding a gothic cut one-over-one light window) and square brick chimneys inset into its north and south walls.

Fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned, proportionally scaled and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights and decorated with green shutters.

The central, rectangular cross paneled door is located on the west elevation, flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a four light transom. A flat roofed, one story high portico covers the three central bays of the west elevation, supported by four scrolled iron posts. An iron railing runs around the perimeter of its roof line. One step leads to the wooden landing and the central entrance.

No apertures are cut into the south wall, while the north wall holds a first and second floor window on its east side.

The east elevation holds a similar, vertically aligned first and second floor window in its south bay.

On the north side of the east wall is placed a one bay wide, one room deep, two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east - west) frame covered with aluminum siding east wing, set on a stone foundation, whose east wall holds a central square brick chimney. This wall also holds a first and second floor window on its south side and two tall, rectangular, one light, attic casement windows. The north wall of the east wing holds a vertically aligned first and second floor window, similar to those described. A two story high shed roofed frame addition runs along the south wall of the east wing and holds the present kitchen. A second floor window is located on its east wall and two second floor windows on its south wall which also holds the inset kitchen entrance door on its west and a nine light rectangular kitchen window on its east side.

A one story high, gabled roof running (north - south) enclosed cellar entrance way provides an east - west walk through as well as a covered entrance to the one story high, gabled roof (running north - south) cinder block garage, to which it is attached. A frame chicken house lies east of the house, an old smokehouse between, and two barns and a tall silo lie some thirty feet west of the house, all of which are maintained in the finest condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION	
— 1400-1499	— ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE	
— 1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE	
— 1800-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER	
X 1800-1899	— COMMERCE	— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION	
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		— INVENTION			

State - LocalHistory

SPECIFIC DATES
Q. 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Richardson Farm and Outbuildings are of outstanding historical and architectural significance to both the state and county. This farm with its well maintained outbuildings has remained intact for over a century and is noted on the Hopkins' Atlas of 1878 as the residence of George E. Richardson. It is one of several century old homes located on the tract of land called "White Wine and Claret".

The house may well date to (see Attachment #4) as early as 1860 and is architecturally representative of Howard County's prosperous farm houses, a five bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof frame structure with two story high, intersecting gabled roof kitchen wing, creating an "L" plan. An "A" framed central dormer holds a gothic cut window so representative of the 1850 gothic revival in American domestic architecture. A central entrance, hall and staircase are also typical of this period house.

Associated with the Ridgely - Richardson family of Howard and Baltimore counties and located on the old tract "White wine and Claret", it is of outstanding historical significance as well as architectural merit.

The excellent condition and repair of the house enhances its significance. All the outbuildings, the smokehouse, barns and storage areas are extremely well maintained.

Alternate #5 of the State Highway Plan for realigning and widening Route 108 affects the northeast corner of the property which acts as a buffer zone from the present alignment of Route 108 in protecting the century old house. Alternate #6 of this plan also takes the northern boundary of the property and affects this same buffer zone.

In addition to its merit, historically and architecturally, it has significance as a working farm. The greatest care should be taken by Highway planners to insure the integrity of the present site located on the South side of Route 108. (See attachments #2 & #3)

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For these reasons, the George E. Richardson Farm and Outbuildings should be placed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks and the State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hopkins Atlas of 1878
Howard County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 76.00 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 34

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 181, folio 261

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

DATE

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



Attachment 4
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The George Richardson Farm
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878
District 5

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1878 by G.M. Hopkins in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington.

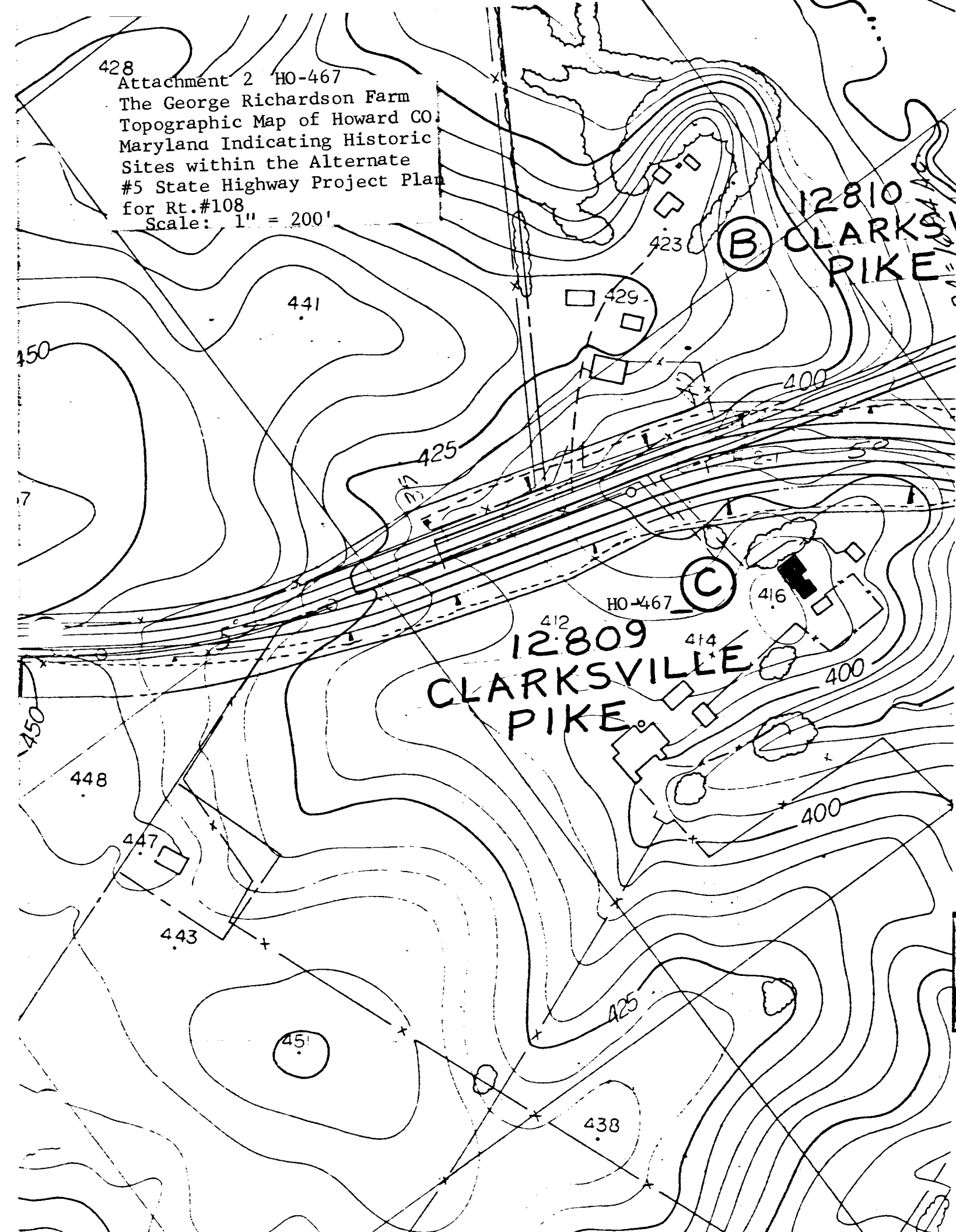


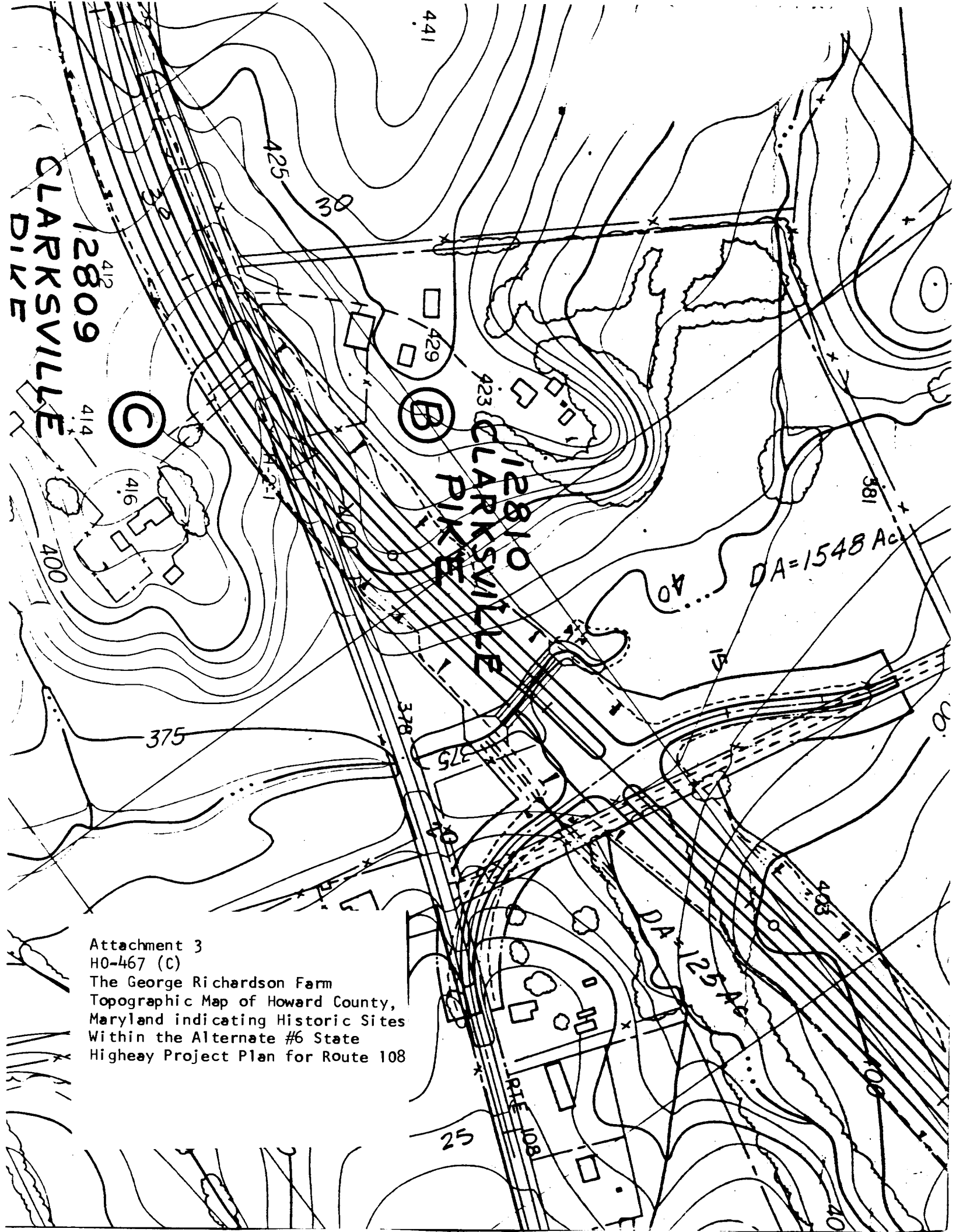
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Attachment 2 HO-467

The George Richardson Farm
Topographic Map of Howard CO.
Maryland Indicating Historic
Sites within the Alternate
#5 State Highway Project Plan
for Rt. #108

Scale: 1" = 200'





Attachment 3
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The George Richardson Farm
Topographic Map of Howard County,
Maryland indicating Historic Sites
Within the Alternate #6 State
Highway Project Plan for Route 108

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and Outbuildings
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